



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Alaska Workforce Investment Board
Fairbanks Board Meeting
October 26 & 27, 2009
Election of Officers**

Jim Lynch is the candidate for the position of AWIB Chair

Michelle Zenger is the candidate for the position of AWIB Vice -Chair

Biographies

Jim Lynch is a longtime Alaskan with extensive experience in workforce development, particularly in the health-care industry. Mr. Lynch is the Chief Human Resources Officer for Banner Health's Alaska facilities, and serves as Chairman of the Interior Regional Advisory Council on Workforce Development. Jim is a member of the Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association's Workforce Development Committee. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Alaska Fairbanks and has been a certified public accountant since 1977.

Michelle M. Zenger has been the Senior HR Representative for Hecla Greens Creek Mining Company, Juneau's largest private sector employer, since 2001. Her extensive recruiting, training and performance management expertise has been combined with public sector know-how gained as a personnel assistant for the Alaska Department of Public Safety to help Greens Creek achieve and sustain operational success.

A long-time Juneau resident, Michelle holds a certification as a Senior Professional recognized by the Society of Human Resource Management; was awarded an Advanced Employment Law certification from the Institute for Applied Management & Law; and has fulfilled leadership roles on several industry and public boards, committees and special projects, including service on the Alaska Workforce Investment Board; terms as President and Treasurer with the local chapter of the human resource professional association; and champion of the newly implemented electrical apprenticeship program at Greens Creek.